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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20150

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. As you continue work on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, I respectfully request that additional funding for the Arizona portion of the Section 595 Western Rural Water program be included in the legislation.

Created in 1999, the Section 595 Western Rural Water program allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to fund water and wastewater infrastructure projects in select western states. While the program has been expanded to provide funding for most western states, Arizona projects were ineligible to participate in the program until eligibility was expanded in the WRDA 2020 bill.

In the year since the program was authorized, the Los Angeles District has received requests for more than \$75 million worth of funding from Arizona cities, towns, and other entities to make investments in water and wastewater projects. In response to this clear and demonstrated need, I ask that the committee increase the authorization level for the 595 Western Rural Water program in Arizona to \$200 million.

This flexible funding program provides a critical resource to Arizona cities, towns, and counties who look to make critical investments in water infrastructure in the midst of a historic drought. Thank you again for your ongoing leadership and your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator